

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
IONEX COMMUNICATIONS NORTH, INC. FOR )  
AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY )  
TO INCLUDE PROVIDING FACILITIES-BASED )  
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN SOUTH )  
DAKOTA )

ORDER GRANTING  
INTERVENTION

TC00-171

On October 16, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission received an application from Ionex Communications North, Inc. (Ionex) seeking an amended certificate of authority to provide facilities-based local exchange service in South Dakota. Ionex is a South Dakota corporation authorized to provide - and currently is providing - resale local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in the state.

On October 19, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 3, 2000, to interested individuals and entities. Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Sully Buttes) filed a Petition to Intervene on November 3, 2000.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of November 30, 2000, the Commission found that the petition to intervene was timely filed and demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the petition to intervene of Sully Buttes is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>          Melaine Kalbs          </u>
Date: <u>          12/8/00          </u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

          James A. Burg            
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

          Pam Nelson            
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

          Laska Schoenfelder            
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner